

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on January 27, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Jane Hamman, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILLS 5 & 14 - LONG
RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM,
1/27/1999**

Executive Action: **HOUSE BILL 6 & 8 - RENEWABLE
RESOURCE GRANT & LOAN PROGRAM;
HOUSE BILL 11 - TREASURE STATE
ENDOWMENT PROGRAM; HOUSE BILL
9 - CULTURAL & AESTHETIC
GRANTS; HOUSE BILL 7 -
RECLAMATION & DEVELOPMENT
GRANTS PROGRAM**

EXECUTIVE ACTION - HOUSE BILLS: 6,8,11,9 & 7

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved that HOUSE BILL 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(jlh21a01)-AMENDMENTS EXHIBIT(jlh21a02)

Motion/Vote: SEN. LYNCH moved that HOUSE BILL 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(jlh21a03)-AMENDMENTS

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved that HOUSE BILL 11 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(jlh21a04)-AMENDMENTS

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved that HOUSE BILL 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(jlh21a10)-AMENDMENTS {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.0 - 3.8}

Motion: SEN. LYNCH moved that HOUSE BILL 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED. EXHIBIT(jlh21a11)-AMMENDMENTS

Discussion: Concerning the DNRC's, Deadman's Basin Water Quality Improvement, project and its loan amount.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved THAT THE LOAN FOR THE DEADMAN'S BASIN WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BE INCREASED BY \$25,000. Motion carried with SEN. LYNCH and SEN. SWYSGOOD voting no.

Vote: The question was called on SEN. LYNCH'S motion, Do Pass as Amended HB 8. Motion carried unanimously. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8 - 5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION - HOUSE BILLS: 6,8,11,9 & 7 CLOSED

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF HOUSE BILL 5 & 14

Mr. Tom O'Connell, Administrator of the Architecture and Engineering program with the Department of Administration(DOA), made introductions and gave an overview of the Long Range Building Program EXHIBIT(jlh21a05). He then reviewed projects at the Pine Hills School, the Men's Prison and the Chem/Pharm Building at the University of Montana EXHIBIT(jlh21a06). He then explained a bill that would allow the DOA to sell bonds that were approved in a prior session without a vote of the public as CI-75

would require. He subsequently discussed projects at the College of Technology at Great falls, the Special Education Building in Billings and the Chemistry Building at MT Tech.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if the Chemistry Building was finished and if they came in over or under budget.

REP. MCCANN asked about the foundation kicking in funds and raising moneys.

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SEN. LYNCH asked what would happen if the legislature didn't approve these projects.

Mr. O'Connell responded that they could go forward with the projects if the Regents and the Governor approved them and they were entirely funded with state or private funds. Discussion followed.

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Mr. O'Connell discussed MSU Bozeman's Utilities Distribution Project and touched on the Capitol Restoration Project.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked about the Warm Spring's X-building project. Discussion followed.

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Mr. O'Connell went over the LRBP revenue estimate and funding summary **EXHIBIT(jlh21a07)**.

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REP. MCCANN asked about the debt service. Discussion followed.

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Mr. O'Connell discussed **HB 5** the cash bill & **HB 14** the bond bill. He then spoke about the facilities that the DOA needed to maintain and the projects they undertake to do so.

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Mr. Jim Whaley, Chief of the Design Construction Bureau for the Architecture and Engineering Division, DOA, went through the projects in **EXHIBIT 5**. **Mr. O'Connell** passed out

EXHIBIT(jlh21a08) an updated revenue estimate. He then explained that priorities 1 through 15 were funded with LRBP funds and went over the priority list.

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SEN. LYNCH asked about the criteria used in ranking the projects and wanted to know who made the decision to move people from Warm Springs to Lewistown. **Mr. Whaley** responded.

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Mr. Whaley continued to explain **EXHIBIT 5** and pointed out where to find the explanation for each project.

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REP. ZOOK asked why the agency and statewide priorities were so different. **Mr. O'Connell** responded. **SEN. LYNCH** asked for a list of the statewide ranking.

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Mr. Whaley discussed projects that were not recommended. He then pointed out the Board of Regents priority listing for the University system and stated that they try to follow these recommendations. He also mentioned that the department decides whether a project is to be funded with bonds or cash.

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Ms. Kathy Willis, Accountant for Architecture and Engineering Division, handed out **EXHIBIT(jlh21a09)**, a project status report, and explained its purpose and setup.

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SEN. SWYSGOOD asked **Ms. Willis** to go over some acronyms in **EXHIBIT 9**.

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Mr. O'Connell closed.

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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - CLOSED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h21aad)